

does not mean that man has a right to abuse it, not any more so than he has a right to abuse any other good thing the Lord has given him.

The Son of Man being Lord even of the Sabbath has a right to direct as to how it shall be used. The Sabbath is not for idleness or selfish enjoyment. The day should be spent in religious exercises and in works of mercy and necessity, to nurse and care for the sick, to minister to the poor and relieve their distress and to go out among the unsaved. These with many similar acts are a Christian's duty on the Lord's day. We learn that a Christian is very closely watched. The world of today are very close observers. The same as the Pharisees of old. Their motives were to find fault with Jesus. They did not go with him for the love they had for him, but as spies. So it is today. Whatever the motives of our enemies may be, the Christian should walk carefully, as he is watched continually with unfriendly eyes. Our walks should be such as not to give any cause for stumbling. There is a nobler work than that of fault finding. The sinner does not make the world any better by playing the part of spies on the conduct of the Christian. How true the saying, "We had better be found asleep than to be found accusing our brethren."

We as Christians should make church going a part of the keeping of the Lord's day. Because Christ is Lord of the Sabbath is the best reason why it should be wholly consecrated to his service. A Christian should be found in the sanctuary of the Lord where they may be fed on spiritual food and live.

Jesus promised that where two or three are gathered together in his name there he will be in their midst. There are many today at the threshold of death—sons and daughters that should be saved from sin, who need the Bread of Life. As Christians we should be more interested in the welfare of our children. Children must be trained the way to heaven. Solomon says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

The Sabbath school must be used to make Christians of the boys and girls. The Bible is to be taught and expounded but above all things the soul is to be saved.

We promised God when we united with the church that we would promote the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. This we cannot do if we ignore the little ones. To make the Sunday school thus efficient we must exercise care in the elevation of Christians to the dignity of teachers and officers. In order thus to influence them we must attend ourselves and insist that they imitate our example.

Even so there shines one day in seven  
Bright with the special mark of heaven,  
That we with love and praise may dwell  
On him who loveth us so well.  
Then speeds us on our work day way,  
And hallow every common day;  
Without Him Sunday's self were dim.  
But all are bright if spent with Him.

There is danger now of two much looseness touching Sabbath keeping, rather than too much strictness. The remedy for this laxity is an intelligent devotion to the true spirit of Sabbath keeping.

Dear Christian friends, let us not stay at home from Sunday services to prepare for business on Monday morning. We are taught first to seek the kingdom of heaven and its righteousness and the rest shall be added to us. If we are faithful in doing the Master's work we will lose nothing for this is his promise. Have we got the wedding garment on? If not it will be too late after the door is closed.

*Elkhart, Ind.*

## Home Circle

### For the Children

Starting forth on life's rough way,  
Father, guide them;  
Oh, we know not what of harm  
May betide them!  
'Neath the shadow of thy wing,  
Father, hide them;  
Waking, sleeping, Lord, we pray,  
Go beside them.

When in prayer they cry to thee,  
Do thou hear them;  
From the stains of sin and shame  
Do thou clear them;  
'Mid the quicksands and the rocks  
Do thou steer them;  
In temptation, trial, and grief,  
Be thou near them.

Unto thee we give them up,  
Lord, receive them.  
In the world we know must be  
Much to grieve them—  
Many striving oft and strong  
To deceive them;  
Trusting in thy hands of love  
We must leave them.

—William Cullen Bryant.

### How to be Loyal in Your Own Church

The following from an exchange is certainly very wholesome advice, stated in language easily understood. We trust every member of the Brethren church will read and profit by it:

First be patient with it. Do not demand or expect that it will be perfect. The perfect church has never yet existed. If it did exist, it would not suit you, and you would not suit it. When the church consisted of only twelve members picked by the Master, they were a quarrelsome lot, and one of them was a devil. You will do well if your church averages up better. Everything in your church may not please you, some things may offend you, and yet it may be the best church for you. If you were to go into another, you would probably find it less pleasant and

profitable. Then be patient with imperfections. Do not resent them or try to mend them by vigorous or violent means. Only time can heal some things. Do not talk about them and keep them irritated, but let silence soothe them. Keep quiet and many evils will die of inanition. Try to be perfect yourself, and that will add so much to the perfection of your church.

Next, be appreciative, thankful and hopeful. Beware of being a chronic grumbler, growler and kicker. Every church must have its "kicker," but let some other man or woman fill this office. Remember that it is easier to be critical than correct, and that uncharitable judgements are one of the greatest dangers of church life. Look on the bright and best side of your church and see its good points. Never run it down, but always talk it up. Appreciate the pastor's sermons, and let him know that you do. Have a good word for the choir leader and the Sunday school superintendent. Speak of the prayer meeting to your neighbor the next morning and tell him what a good meeting it was. Be cheerful and hopeful, even in the midst of discouragements, and you will thus infuse into your church your own spirit of enthusiasm.

### A Child's Right to Consideration

*The New Crusade.*

The child's right to consideration is very commonly ignored. To count their talk simply chatter, or to answer their questions in a heedless, indifferent way is to lose the opportunity of studying the workings of the child's mind, of guiding his questions into right channels, and most of all, of winning his full confidence. Lack of consideration is shown in ignoring children's hopes and fears. We can never know how many hours of thought and purpose go into their hopes before they venture to give them expression, neither can we fathom their fears, except by remembering our own childish agony resulting from some bugaboo held over us as a restraint. Children have a right to be courageous, and will be, if their fears are understood, rightly met, and occasion for them avoided.

### The Great Need

Rev. S. W. Dike, Corresponding Secretary of the National League for the Protection of the Family, writes:

Every year, and as our work goes on, it becomes more clear that the great evils that assault the structure of the family, such as polygamy, unwise marriages, needless divorces, and the various sexual vices, must be reached by an improved public opinion as well as by law. Spasmodic efforts at legal reform, popular crusades against some flagrant offence against decency, may have their value; but when their immediate occasion passes those who engage in them are too apt to forget the long and arduous task that remains—that of removing the roots of the special evil and cleansing the soil in which it grows. It is a healthier public sen-